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SUMMARY: MISSION HAS DISCOVERED EXPLANATION FOR MAJOR DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN NEW U.S. AND NATO AGREED TOE CONFERENCE FIGURES TRANSMITTED REF A. CERTAIN DISCREPANCIES REMAIN, HOWEVER, WHICH ARE NOT EXPLAINED IN REF B, AND WE NEED GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY

1. IN EFFORT TO SEEK EARLY EXPLANATION FOR DIVERGENT U.S. AND MC224 FIGURES ON NSWP GROUPND FORCES--AS SET FORTH IN IMS INTELLIGENCE DIVISION CHART TRANSMITTED REF A--MISSION UNDERTOOK INTENSIVE REVIEW OF AVAILABLE MBFR STATISTICAL DATA. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EXPLAIN MAJOR DIFFERENCES AND HAVE SINCE CONFIRMED THEM WITH IMS STAFF RESPONSIBLE FOR MBFR DATA. SMALLER DIFFERENCES REMAIN, HOWEVER,
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AND WE WILL NEED GUIDANCE AS TO HOW TO EXPLAIN THEM PRIOR TO OCTOBER 30 MBFR WORKING GROUP MEETING.

2. LARGE DIFFERENCES ON PACT DATA IN REF A RESULT FROM FACT THAT IMS

INTELLIGENCE DIVISION DID NOT INCLUDE WP MAIN FORCES UNDER NATIONAL COMMAND IN THEIR CALCULATIONS. IF LATTER FORCES ARE INCLUDED, FOLLOWING TABLE RESULTS, WITH COLUMN A REPRESENTING NATO TOE CONDER-ENC FIGURES TRANSMITTED REF A; COLUMN B BEING MAIN FORCE INCREMENTS UNDER NATIONAL COMMAND (LATTER DATA ARE DRAWN FROM AC/276-WP(73)4(2ND

REVISE)PART III); COLUMN C

BEING TOTALS OF A AND B, AND COLUMN D BEING NEW U.S. FIGURES.

	A	B	C	D
GDR	69,234	23,00	92,234	100,000
CZECH	91,539	55,000	146,539	155,000
POLAND	126,754	61,000	187,754	210,000

3. PARA 6 C OF REF B ENABLES US TO ACCOUNT FOR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN U.S. AND NATO DATA RE GDR FORCES; PARA 6 D ACCOUNTS FOR ONLY 10,000 OF THE 22,000 DISCREPANCY FOR POLAND; AND THERE STILL REMAINS AN 8,500 DISCREPANCY FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA. WE NEED GUIDANCE TO EXPLAIN U.S. FIGURES FOR LATTER TWO COUNTRIES.

4. RE SOVIET FORCES IN GSFG WE WILL NEED TO EXPLAIN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AGREED NATO TOE CONFERENCE FIGURE OF 351,000 AND NEW U.S. FIGURE OF 360,000, ONLY 5,000 OF WHICH IS ACCOUNTED FOR BY REF B (PARA 6A)

IN VIEW OF AGREED TOE CONFERENCE FIGURE OF 351,000, WE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE DIFFICULTY BASING OUR UPWARD CALCULATION ON THE JULY 27 U.S. FIGURES OF 354,000 WITHOUT FURTHER EXPLANATION.

5. AS TO DATA FOR NATO GROUND FORCES IN NGA, USNATO DOES NOT ANTICIPATE RESISTENACE TO NEW U.S. ESTIMATE OF 777,000, PROVIDED WE ADEQUATELY EXPLAIN EXISTING DIFFERENCE WITH NATO ESTIMATES. WE ASSUME THAT MAJOR DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CURRENT NATO ESTIMATE OF APPROXIMATELY 720,000 (NOT COUNTING PARA MILITARY FORCES) AND NEW U.S. ESTIMATE OF 777,000 RESULTS FROM INCLUSION OF FRENCH FORCES IN U.S. FIGURES. (NATO ESTIMATES ROUGHLY 778,000 NATO GROUND FORCES IN NGA, IF NATO ESTIMATE OF 58,000 FRENCH FORCES IS COUNTED.) IN ORDER TO

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EXPLAIN THE DIFFERING ESTIMATES USNATO NEEDS A COUNTRY GREAKOUT OF THE NEW U.S. ESTIMATE FOR THE OCTOBER 30 MBFR WG MEETING. IT APPEARS THAT U.S. AND NATO VIEWS OF NATO GROUND FORCES IN NGA ARE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME WITH RESPECT TO GROUND FORCE TOTALS. WE WANT TO STRESS AGREEMENT ON THE AGGREGATE, RATHER THAN VARYING INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY ESTIMATES.

6. ON U.S. GROUND FORCE MANPOWER IN THE NGA, CURRENT NATO ESTIMATE DOES NOT COUNT U.S. FORCES IN THE NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM, BUT DOES COUNT U.S. BERLIN BRIGADE. NATO MBFR DATA EXPERTS HAVE INCLUDED BERLIN BRIGADE IN AN EFFORT TO REACH ESTIMATED U.S. MANPOWER FIGURE OF 193,000. NATO, HOWEVER, DOES NOT CONSIDER ALLIED FORCES IN BERLIN AS BEING IN THE NGA. THUS, NATO ESTIMATES ON UK AND FRE FORCES DO NOT INCLUDE UK AND FRENCH BERLIN DETACHMENTS. IF THE BERLIN BRIGADE

IS NOT COUNTED FOR U.S, WHAT IS ESTIMATE OF U.S. GROUND FORCE
MANPOWER IN THE NGA?

7. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON FOREGOING WELL IN ADVANCE OF OCTOBER 30
MBFR WG MEETING.
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